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Dear Chelsea District Eight Resident:

Massport began work today on the long awaited Chelsea Gateway landscaping improvement project at the end of The Beacon street off ramp. The \$225,000 project, which includes landscape upgrades along the Tobin's Fourth Street exit ramp is being funded by Massport and is expected to be completed by mid-summer.

Minimal ramp closures and traffic disruptions are expected throughout this project.

Normal hours of construction operation are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Police traffic details will be assigned during necessary, temporary street closures during construction hours.

When complete in June- the exit ramp and the gateway to Chelsea, The Waterfront and Admirals Hill will have a **more contiguous traffic flow and a more residential feel.**

The following will be accomplished at the bottom of the Beacon Street Off Ramp:

- The cement jersey barriers across from the Beacon Street ramp will be removed and replaced with a widened sidewalk and permanent wall-flower planter.
- The area underneath the Tobin Bridge abutting the end of the ramp will be graded, landscaped and fenced.
- The corner of Chestnut & Beacon Streets will be slightly reconfigured and repaved to improve traffic flow off the ramp.

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